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(*b*) The exact figures are not known yet. So far, exclusive of police expenditure, there are only two items of importance :—

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| (i) Rent of a part of Freemasons Hall used by the Madras Provincial Committee ... ... | 200 |
| (ii) Reception arrangements at the Harbour ... | 619 |

The Government have asked the Inspector-General of Police to report the actual expenditure incurred on police arrangements in the mufassal.

*Issue of section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, against Mr. Kuppuswami and others.*

*1976 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, have been passed by the respective district and other magistrates on the following persons during the last four months in the places mentioned against each :—

(1) P. Kuppuswami Mudaliyar—Vellore, Arni, Tiruppattur, Gudiyattam,
(2) Annamalai Pillai—Tiruvannamalai,
(3) Srinivasa Barathi of Kumbakonam—Wandiwash, Cheyyar taluk,
(4) Srinivasa Varadan of Madura—Wandiwash, Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai and Tirukkoyilur,
(5) P. V. Hanumantha Rao—Wandiwash, Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai and Tirukkoyilur,
(6) K. R. Jamathagni of Kadaperi—Arni,
(7) Akkor Anantha Chariyar—Arni division,
(8) W. Srinivasa Rao—Arni,
(9) Swami Shanmuganandam—Vellore ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take any action in the matter ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

*A.*—(*a*) Orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, were served on Nos. (3), (5) and (9) at Wandiwash, Tiruvannamalai and Vellore, respectively ; the Government have no information about any such orders served on the other persons mentioned.

(*b*) & (*c*) It is not the policy of Government to interfere with the exercise by magistrates of the discretion vested in them by law.

## General

*Part taken by the Indian Members of the Cabinet in the recent Self-Respect Conference.*

*1977 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that five Indian Members of the Government, including the Members of the Executive Council and the Ministers, took part